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AUGUST MILK PRICES INCREASED FROM JULY

Prices received by New York producers for milk sold during August were up from a month earlier, according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office. The price of eggs also increased. The price of corn, hay, soybeans, and winter wheat decreased. Many previous month prices were revised due to more complete sales information.

Dairy farmers in the Empire State received an average of \$11.80 per hundredweight of milk sold during August, up 10 cents from July but \$7.30 less than August a year ago. Poultry producers received an average of 57.5 cents per dozen eggs sold, up 5.5 cents from July but 30.8 cents lower than last year.

Grain corn, at \$4.00 per bushel, was down 33 cents from June and decreased \$1.85 from last year. Hay averaged \$122.00 per ton, down \$14.00 from July and down \$41.00 from August 2008. Winter Wheat, at \$4.11 per bushel, was down 37 cents from July and decreased \$2.54 from August 2008. Soybeans averaged \$10.21 per bushel, down 54 cents from July.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in August, at 127 percent, based on 1990-92=100, decreased 5 points (3.8 percent) from July. The Crop Index is down 6 points (3.9 percent) and the Livestock Index decreased 3 points (2.7 percent). Producers received lower prices for broilers, wheat, corn, and grapes and higher prices for milk, eggs, apples, and lemons. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of cattle, grapes, sweet corn, and calves offset decreased marketings of wheat, hay, broilers, and strawberries. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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